RAISING THE PARTICIPATION AGE

INFORMATION FOR

YOUNG PEOPLE

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RPA

What is RPA?

Young people will be staying in education or training until they are 18. This is known as Raising the Participation Age (RPA). There is a range of education or training options available.

Why has this changed?

To help you by preparing you for work:

- Many jobs are more complicated and demanding than they once were.
- Employers want to employ people who have more skills, training and qualifications
- The more skills you have the better your chances of getting a good job.

How does it affect you?

It affects anyone who was born on or after 1st September 1996. This table shows the earliest time you can leave education or training.

Academic Year	2012-13
Year 9 or below	18
Year 10 Year	18
Year 11 Year	17

What are the Options available?

1 Apprenticeships

2 College

3 6th Form

4 Employment or Volunteering with training

What's in it for you?

Research shows that staying in learning means you earn more money. Young people with an Advanced Apprenticeship earn on average £100,000 more in their lifetime than someone who leaves learning at 16.

You will have a better chance of getting a job, as employers want people who have qualifications and skills.

What do I need to do?

- Start to think about the type of learning you need to do, to get where you want to be in the future.
- Speak to your Connexions Advisor or careers teacher
- See where you can study and what you can learn at school
- Research the jobs you are interested in.

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Where can I find out more?

The young people's careers helpline is available 8am to 10pm seven days a week

Telephone:
0800 100 900

Text:
0776 641 3219

Or visit the website:
https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/

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Useful Websites

More information on RPA is available at:
→ www.education.gov.uk/16to19/participation/rpa

Information on your options after 16 is available at:
→ www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14to19/OptionsAt16/index.htm

More information on apprenticeships is available at:
→ www.apprenticeships.org.uk

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